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Be prepared when stopped by police

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

PASSAIC — In light of some of today's police officers, who have soiled the institution of law enforcement — "to protect and serve," it may be a wonder that in these days and times, a place like Martin Luther King School No. 6 in Passaic, on Feb. 8, has proven to be a necessity.

Sergeant Delacy Davis, a 14-year officer with the East Orange Police Department and president of Black Cops Against Brutality conducted a workshop seminar, that just may save the lives of many whom were in the room.

With members of BKAP attending our beloved scenarios, from drunk driving to provoked behavior, Davis, who didn't sugar coat a thing, rather preferring to "keep it real," tacitly connected with the crowd and went over the dos and don'ts of what to do when stopped by a police officer, before drilling the crowd on the basics.

1. If you have power windows power both your front and rear windows down, especially if windows are tinted (which is against the law) or the officer can see inside your car.

2. Present license, registration, and insurance card. Davis reiterated not one or two will do all three — license, registration and insurance.

3. Say yes sir/mam or no sir/mam when responding to questions an officer may ask. He sternly expressed that if an officer stopped you do not want to provoke a situation. And he further expressed that young brothers have a need to prove their manhood. He then cited "a deadman tells no tales."

4. A woman can be patted down by a male police officer, if though she is carrying a gun or a weapon, said Davis dispelling the myth that women cannot be frisked by male police officers.

He then demonstrated the procedure by using the back of his hand.

5. Astonishing all teenagers in attendance was a friend, Davis said. "If Hassan is driving a car and he doesn't have a job and he's driving a \$70,000 car and it's not his mother's or father's, — c'mon assume the car is stolen."

6. Don't ask an offensive police officer for his badge number, if though he is a close friend, he sure may not get it. Rather, it's there in full view commit it to memory, or be able to give a good description of the police officer and any characteristics that would be relevant in identifying him/her — scars, accent, etc.

"We want to see our young people come up in a clean, decent and sanitary," said Davis, who paid homage to Shirelles Member and Passaic native Beverly Lee, who'd recently passed away.

Davis' program is designed to teach "growing adults" how to resolve issues amicably. His program used other methods to deal with offensive police officers, other than becoming confrontational with them.

"There is no need to debate on the street," Davis said. "How in the world are you going to win against the biggest gang on the country."

Telling the audience, that police officers are their public servants, Davis advised them, to file complaints against officers and to follow them up.

"I don't think you're a racist cop because you're white," said Davis. "You're not my friend because you're a black cop. (BKAP) is a brutal police, homophobic police, and racist police. We're not anti-police. I'm a police officer."

Reparations for Black America

RANDALL ROBINSON

Internationally known Human Rights Advocate



Randall Robinson, activist and author of a new book "The Debt," which centers on the topic of reparations.

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

Randall Robinson, who is best known for his activism and as founder of TransAfrica, the first organization dedicated solely to raising awareness of Africa and Caribbean peoples, will bring his message on reparations to Newark on Feb. 26.

The best-selling author of the book "The Debt, What America Owes to Blacks," will be the featured speaker at the second Annual Black Heritage Day Celebration at George Washington Carver School from

in Newark from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reparations, which is not only a human rights issue has recently evolved into a political one also.

Representative John Conyers (D-Mich.) has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to Congress to explore and appoint a commission to study this debt owed to black Americans. To date a commission has yet to be appointed.

However, reparations have been paid to Japanese Americans

and to survivors of the Holocaust. Most recently in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a commission was

formed to consider monetary payments to those Black Americans

who survived the 1921 anti-black race riot, which claimed the lives of over 300 people. The commission has recommended that payment be made, but nothing specific has been finalized, according to a national report featured in "Jet" magazine.

The two-day not stemmed from the notion that a black man had assaulted a white elevator operator. Many blacks ran for their lives, never to return to Tulsa, where many of their homes were burned to the

ground.

Recently, the Peoples

Organization for Progress led a

rally to bring attention to the

matter of reparations.

POP supporters departed

Newark on President Dan

McDonnell's orders to Paris, where

was a slave market.

The group then traveled to New York's Wall

Street area, which too was a large

port for slaves to draw attention

to an issue yet to be dealt with by

Congress, the president or any

policy makers to atoms for worst

atrocities in the history of mankind.

Hemings and Jefferson: Enough Already!

Commentary

By Gloria Dulau-Wilson
Staff Writer

Now that they've finally accepted what was rumor in white society, and a well known fact among black people, that Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States was having a relationship with Sally Hemings, a slave, obviously of black and white parentage herself, mainstream media has taken every effort to clean up the story and make it look like a romance, instead of what it really was — Jefferson using her to do what he could not do with the white women in his society — legalized rape.

Sally was a slave in America and a servant in Paris, with no say about her body or how it was to be used, and no one to protect her. If you consider her age, 14, it was a clear case of pedophilia (child molestation) on Jefferson's part.

The TV movie, "Sally Hemings — An American Scandal," which aired on CBS-TV has tried to sanitize Jefferson's relationship with Hemings, who had at least six children by her. Sally was a beautiful woman in Jefferson's wife's "half sister" bearing a striking resemblance to her leaving little to the imagination about what Mrs. Jefferson's father was doing to his slaves.

African Americans know that Sally Hemings was neither the first, nor the only slave to either be favored or used by someone by, white slave owners, starting with her grandmother, mother and sister. We all have but to look around us at our varied complexions, hair textures, eye colors, to realize how many times we have been genetically altered since being dragged over on the slave ships to America in 1619.

We wet nursed white chil-

dren, delivered white babies, and performed as substitutes when white wives had their menstrual cycles, so giving Jefferson any kind of halo such as "love" or "feeling" is just plain foolishness.

Most recently in Tulsia, Oklahoma, this little TV series would not even be airing.

What is really amazing is that this is allegedly told in Sally's voice, when one might wonder what she really said and thought about Jefferson's

treatment of what most of our ancestors received. The fact that they were able to keep this little secret out of white history books for two centuries until modern DNA testing and the Freedom of Information Act came along and got with them, this little TV series would not even be airing.

What is really amazing is that this is allegedly told in Sally's voice, when one might wonder what she really said and thought about Jefferson's

advances. Clearly, it bought her a certain amount of freedom and prestige. But to think of the slaves lived in the lap of luxury as off high of the proverbial rock is ludicrous.

She had been sold for nearly 170 years by the time Sally went to Paris to be the maid of Jefferson's attendant. By that time it was more accepted than not. Jefferson's views and writings on slavery notwithstanding, he himself would never effectively stand up against his colleagues, than he could afford to be seen in any intimate context with Sally, regardless of whether they were in Paris or the United States.

Hemings allegedly asks him, "If all men are created equal, that would mean all Americans including slaves?" He allegedly asked her in a book by Thomas Paine Interventions, can you realize that the only way Sally would be taught to read was because she was in Paris. She certainly would not have been allowed to do so in the U.S. Since Paris recognizing no such designation as slavery, gave her a fair amount of freedom, so certain things in this interpretation of her life is hard to swallow like giving up her freedom to return to America. Also hard to swallow is Thomas Paine being the instigator of a relationship between Hemings and Jefferson. But then somebody has to take the blame. Sally, not Jefferson, on his own, after all this was the president of the United States. There is no way he would breach protocol.

Of course, in white mythology, the more white blood a black person had, the more intelligent he or she was. Perhaps this is what's behind the relationship between Hemings and Jefferson. Yeah—right!!! In reality Jefferson had actually made some ridiculous

claims about Sally's intelligence.

At a recent meeting United Jersey Water and Sewage had likewise levied liens against homeowners, without sufficient or proper notification, often as low as \$46 to \$5,000. When the delinquency

occurred, Breen Capital had been charging interest rates for the installment payments set up to allow the homeowners to pay off the liens.

According to Holloway, "A class action suit against Breen Capital on behalf of those homeowners who were victimized by Breen Capital was successful. It entitled the homeowner to receive all of their money back. In addition, if a homeowner lost their property entirely to Breen Capital, they are entitled to financial recompense up to three times the value of their home.

Tax liens were not the only issue under consideration at the meeting. United Jersey Water and Sewage had likewise levied liens against homeowners, without sufficient or proper notification, often as low as \$46 to \$5,000. When the delinquency

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Jersey City launches suit against banks

By Gloria Dulau-Wilson
Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY — "Several years ago, Jersey City instituted a process of buying buildings in order to meet its obligation as a property owner did not pay their property taxes to the city on time, a sale was held and the taxes were sold to a third party. The term "bulk lien" became a familiar phrase because many properties were lumped together and sold as a package to a "third party." This was the opening statement to an announcement from City Councilwoman Melissa Holloway's office.

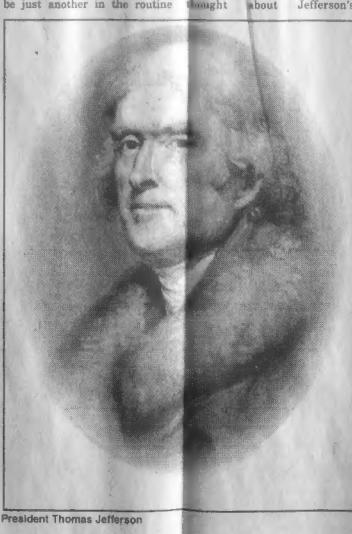
According to the Councilwoman, Jersey City has some of the highest taxes in Hudson County. And we've had budget deficits for the last five years. The taxes have gone up \$6.00 per thousand. And with our current budget, if we ever strike the budget, it's going to go up eighty cents. We have a \$55 million hole in our budget, so far. The state gave us \$16 million; but we just don't know where we are financially. And in the end, that gets passed on to the tax payers."

Of course, the low and moderate income families are bearing the burden, while the homeowners and developers on the "gold coast" have a special tax abatement. They're not paying school taxes or county taxes, but they're paying property taxes to the city. So it's little wonder that hard working homeowners often find themselves struggling to keep up their tax payments. Imagine, however, if a company steps in, buys up your taxes from the city, and offers you the opportunity to pay off your taxes in installments instead of a lump sum, giving you some breathing space. Many home owners did just that with Breen Capital, often paying as high as 18 percent interest. Then, when it looked as if they were nearly out of the woods, Breen Capital would demand the rest of the property. And if the homeowner was not able to pay, they foreclosed on their properties and evicted them. In other cases, Breen would collect the funds, but did not pay off the taxes on the property. The homeowner thinking everything was fine, found his home on the auction block, and was forced to sell it to others, finding the 18 percent interest on top of already high taxes, exorbitant, merely walked away, leaving their homes in the hands of the fraudulent agency.

At a recently held meeting at City Hall, Holloway assembled three lawyers who will be handling a class action suit against Breen Capital and Bankers Trust of New York. Announcing that Judge Jose Fuentes had issued an injunction against Breen Capital Enterprises foreclosing on the more than 2,800 tax liens, valued at more than \$400 million, determined that Breen had been charging interest rates for the installment payments set up to allow the homeowners to pay off the liens.

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President Thomas Jefferson

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BRENN CAPITAL continued on A8

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NEW BRUNSWICK — The family law attorney will examine divorce law as a free public seminar. Billed "What Everyone Should Know About Child Custody, Child Support and Grandparents' Rights." The seminar will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the NJ Law Center, off Ryders Lane. For more information, call 973-659-4565.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NEWARK — The Newark Museum presents After Hours Jazz. The Melissa Walker Quintet show will begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-596-6550.

NEW YORK — Dillon Gallery is presenting THE HORSE? This is the last day it will be viewing. For more information, call 908-765-9977.

MORRISTOWN — The Backstage Theatre at the Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, will present Celtic Fiddle Festival with Ireland's Kevin Burke, Scotland's Jimmy Cunningham, and Brittany's Christian L'Marie. The festival will feature Breton guitarist Sog Soreil. Show time is 8 p.m. For further information, call 973-659-9969.

PATerson — Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College presents Collective Expression: Art of the Latino. Art Never Aliterates at LRC Gallery. The reception is from 12 - 1 p.m. Broadway Gallery, One College Boulevard, Paterson. For further information, call 973-654-5448.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Theater-Lamda Night Series for the gay and lesbian community continues at the Washington Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue. Show time is 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For further information and ticket cost, call (732) 246-7247.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NEWARK — San Francisco Symphony-Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor. This event is a part of the AT&T Orchestra Concert starts at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Prudential Hall at (973) 297-9344.

MOUNTAINSIDE — Snakes Of New Jersey, Michael J. McNamee, will speak and learn some surprising serpentine facts. Observe a snake feeding. Show will last from 7 to 9 p.m. For parents and children 6 and up. Fee is \$3 per person. For further information, call (908) 769-3570.

NEWARK — Women United In Conjunction/National Sisters In The Life Production, presents Pre-Women's History Month featuring Fashion and African American Entertainers at 1028 Broad Street. Shows open at 7 p.m. Modern Tickets \$20 at Dove \$25. VIP TICKETS \$30 W/A Free Drink. Free Bullet. For further information, call (973) 624-1584.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CARLISLE — NJAC Atlantic Center For The Arts is sponsoring a tour that will begin at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth, Washington and Ocean Street. The tour will last from 12 - 3 p.m. For more information, call (908) 884-5404 or 1-800-275-4276.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum is planning a workshop for African American Artists Series. Guest starring artist Gladys Barker Grauer at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6550.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Comedian Bill

Cobey appears at The State Theatre located at 15 Livingston Avenue, from 3 - 6 p.m. Ticket cost is \$35.00. For further information, call NJ Symphony Orchestra 1-800-ALLEGRO.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEWARK — Lecture: "The Feminine Voice," expression by an African American artist, followed by a reception and book signing at 2 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6550.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Children's Theatre "Minnie The Pooh" starring at the State Theatre, 15 Livingston Avenue. Show will last from 1 - 4 p.m., ticket cost is \$12.50. For further information, call (732) 246-7511.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Exhibits-Paintings by Mihaly Munkacsy at the Museum of American Art. The exhibition is located at 300 Somerset Street. Exhibit date from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$3. For further information, call (732) 246-5711.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEW YORK — Medical Education for South African Black will honor Nelson Mandela at the New York City Hospital at 1200 Park Avenue. For more information, contact Nina Tang or Shrawan Katt at (212) 704-6238.

ATLANTIC CITY — World Champion Louis Neglia & Ray Longo present the most incredible fighters from around the world for the World Championship boxing. This year's fight will be held at the Tropicana at 8 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-738-1420.

WAYNE — Randy Bresler performs with the William Paterson University Jazz Ensemble directed by David Demsey. For more information contact Mary Beth Zeman at (973)-720-2444.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

WVU21 — (PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS) - "Mahalia Jackson: THE POWER AND THE GLORY" Narrated by Paul Winfield, will begin at 9 p.m.

WVU21 — THE FRIENDS based on the 1950 novel by Rosa Guy, begins at 10:30 p.m.

JERSEY CITY — A support group of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and friends will meet throughout the spring at New Jersey City University. Meetings will be held from 6 - 7 p.m. For more information, call (201) 290-3189.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Book Discussion Group—Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. The Ramapo College Future Series 2000 Library located at 610 Livingston Avenue. Storytelling begins at 10 a.m. For further information, call (732) 745-5108.

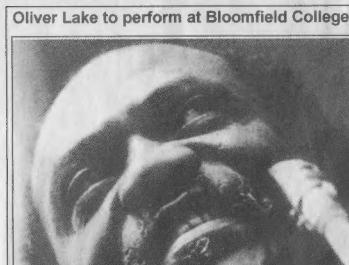
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

MAHWA — Culture of Peace: Global Challenges For The 21st Century. Ramapo College Future Series 2000 Library located at 610 Livingston Avenue. Storytelling begins at 10 a.m. For further information, call (732) 745-5108.

WAYNE — William Paterson University Ramapo College Future Series 2000 Library located at 610 Livingston Avenue. The program will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in College Hall room 311. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For additional information, call Ms. Torres at (973) 720-2481.

NEWARK — Newark Museum "Morning Glories Easter Concert" Topic of the essay will be "Why I'm Proud To Be African." Entries must be typed pages or less submitted by Feb. 29. Mail entries to WSMONM, INC 53 Lincoln Park, Newark, NJ 07102.

Oliver Lake to perform at Bloomfield College



BLOOMFIELD — Bloomfield College will launch its fourth annual Diversity Week celebration on Feb. 26 with "Collaborations in Diversity," a special performance of dance, music and poetry featuring renowned saxophonist Oliver Lake of Montclair. This free performance, which also features students from several schools, will be held at 7 p.m. in the college's Robert V. Van Fossen Theatre.

Black quotes to live by...

"The color of the skin is in no way connected with the strength of mind or intellectual powers."

Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806)

taken from "Preface to Banneker's Almanac, 1795"

PEOPLE

Bergen County Freeholders take time to congratulate new fireman



PARAMUS — Bergen County Freeholder Vice Chairman Richard Mola (left) and Freeholders Douglas M. Bern and Dennis McNeerney (right) took time out to congratulate Walidick resident David Murphy upon his recent graduation from the Bergen County Five Academy. Ceremonies were held at Paramus Catholic High School.

UPS employees at Newark Airport support United Way of Newark



NEWARK — Mel White (center), United Way campaign coordinator at Newark Airport, and other employees at the Newark Airport location show their support for United Way's campaign. The UPS employees at the Newark Airport say they help make a difference in neighborhoods by donating \$21,000 to United Way. The UPS employee donation was 23 percent greater than last year's total.

Black History Moments

Benjamin Banneker
1731-1806

Benjamin Banneker was the first black man to publish an almanac.

Banneker was born in 1731 to free slaves in Maryland. After learning the trade of tobacco farming, he took an interest in mathematics and mechanics and built a working striking clock around 1759.

He made a watch sometime else let as a model for the clock. The clock was constructed so well it was still running at the time of his death in 1806.

In 1817, a Quaker neighbor lent him a textbook on astronomy and instruments, and he taught himself enough to produce an almanac.

Myers appointed CSB's new VP of Commercial Loans



TEANECK — Veteran commercial lender Kenneth A. Myers, a resident of Plainfield, has been appointed Vice President of Commercial Loans at Community State Bank. Myers will be responsible for providing financial solutions with fast, local decision-making for small business, commercial mortgage applicants, real estate and other services.

Ziyad honored as Fire Department's 'Employee of the Month' award



NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James (right) honored Fire Captain Fatemeh Ziyad (center) and Emergency Management Director Peter Swales (left) for their actions above and beyond the call of duty. "Their unusual and dedicated efforts serve the City of Newark well," said Newark Fire Director, Stanley Kossoff. "Their actions are a credit to the Newark Fire Department."

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

BASKETBALL GREAT MICHAEL JORDAN ENDORSES BRADLEY

LOS ANGELES — Basketball superstar Michael Jordan endorses Bill Bradley for president in a 30-second television advertisement that will begin running in selected markets across the country Friday morning, the Bradley campaign announced today.

The ad, filmed two months ago, marks the first time Jordan has publicly endorsed a candidate for the White House. It shows Jordan looking directly into the camera, declaiming his support for Bradley based on his commitment to health care for all children, curbing gun violence and other issues.

"I am very honored to receive Michael's support for my campaign, particularly since he has not publicly endorsed a candidate before," Bradley said. "It was worth hard to bring new people into the political process and to bring people together around a shared vision for the country," Bradley said.

As a candidate for president Bradley has put forward an agenda that includes universal health for children and access to affordable insurance for adults; racial unity; an end to child poverty; licensing and regulation of all handguns; improved public education at every life stage; and meaningful campaign finance reform.

NEARLY HALF OF BLACK HOUSEHOLDS HEADED BY LOW WOMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black households are more likely than white households to be headed by a woman without a partner living at home, and the overall black population tends to be younger, the Census Bureau reports.

Data from 1999 being released Monday show that while married couples head 47 percent of the country's 8.4 million black households, 45 percent of 3.8 million families, are led by lone women without partners present.

Of the nation's 53.1 million white households, only 13 percent are headed by women alone.

The statistics are being released in conjunction with Black History Month, which is February.

Another 33 percent of the country's 35 million blacks, age 15 or younger, are headed by 24 percent of America's 135 million whites. The statistics offer more proof that America's population will become even more diverse in the 21st century. According to the Census Bureau, the black population would rise to 59.2 million in 2050, a 70 percent increase.

Under that projection, the black share of the total population would increase slightly, from 13 percent to 15 percent.

Turning to education, 77 percent of blacks age 25 and over had at least a high school education, while 15 percent possessed at least a bachelor's degree. Among whites age 25 and over, 87 percent attained a high school-level degree, and 28 percent finished college or higher.

Blacks still live predominantly in the South, and in metropolitan areas. More than 55 percent of blacks live in the South, and over 88 percent of blacks live in cities or their surrounding suburbs.

The new statistics can be found starting Monday at the Census Bureau's World Wide Web site, <http://www.census.gov>.

HANK AARON WARNS KIDS AGAINST LOOKING TO ATHLETES AS ROLE MODELS

HOMERVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Homer Aaron, the man speaking at a black history celebration in the aptly named town of Homerville, cautions children in the crowd against pinning their hopes on being a great athlete.

"Remember this: You can be the best player, break a leg or an arm and lose everything," Aaron told the small crowd gathered in the high school cafeteria for the annual Clinch County NAACP Black history celebration on Saturday.

Aaron, who has more career at-bats, RBIs and home runs than any player in baseball, told the crowd that some of his greatest accomplishments took place off the field. He said one of his fondest memories was being in the Boy Scouts in Mobile, Ala. As a Scout, Aaron got to drive traffic for a then-segregated Mardi Gras celebration.

"I carried that with me through all my life," Aaron said.

"You're only going to be 15 or 16 once. You have the chance to be anything you want to be, but you have to work at it."

New York legislature pushing Harriet Tubman state holiday bill

By Jennifer Jordan

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — When Harriet Tubman conducted more than 300 slaves to New York and other northern states in the 1850s, they often traveled in small groups under cover of night, from one dark, damp, basement hiding place to another. After she had since become public and celebrated, and New York legislators want to further promote this famous conductor of the Underground Railroad.

Key members of the Assembly parties in the state legislature and Senate are sponsoring legislation to make March 10, the anniversary of Tubman's death in 1913, a state holiday.

"For too long, Harriet Tubman's accomplishments have been in the background of New York state history," Republican Sen. Michael Nozzolio said Monday.

Nozzolio represents part of the state's 10th congressional district, where Tubman moved in the 1850s. Assemblyman Arthur Eve, a Buffalo Democrat who is deputy speaker of the Assembly, is sponsoring the bill in his house with 30 co-sponsors.

The measure would make Harriet Tubman Day the 13th official state holiday and the most recent since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created.

Eve and Nozzolio are also sponsoring a resolution that calls road in school curricula.

upon Gov. George Pataki to declare March 10 Harriet Tubman Day in New York. That resolution would not have the force of law, but it day an official annual holiday.

The state has attempted late to highlight its connection with the Underground Railroad, naming a New York Freedom Trail Commission and including more details on the Underground Rail-

roadary or settled in New York and other northern states as the route ferried them in basements and other secretive locations from the mid-1800s.

Tubman was born into slavery around 1820 on a Maryland plantation. She escaped in 1849 to Philadelphia, where she learned of the Underground Rail-

road. While living in Canada, she met William Seward, a U.S. Senator, Secretary of State, and former governor of New York.

Seward provided Tubman a home in 1857, which she later used as a station on the railroad and quarters for her railroad work. She was one of the most influential "conductors" of the railroad, traveling south 19 times to free slaves.

Tubman was also known for instigating a riot at the spot in Troy where an escaped slave was recaptured. The riot has been called one of the fiercest in the antislavery movement.

No other state has a Harriet Tubman Day, Eve's office said.

However, the lawmaker said other states have followed New York in passing Underground Railroad measures, and he hopes that will happen with Harriet Tubman Day.

Eve added that the Underground Railroad was significant to whites, blacks, and Native Americans, because members of each group participated in the

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Slaves either stayed tem-



Harriet Tubman

pathway. He said the legislation pathay would be an effort to recognize that union.

"I think it will help bind us

closer to one another," he said. Pataki's office would not immediately comment on the legislation.

Officials to travel state to push census

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — From inner cities to rural hamlets, Gov. Bob Taft and Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell will travel the state to encourage Ohioans to participate in the 2000 census.

The goal is to avoid the undercount of residents, especially minorities and children, that occurred in the 1990 census.

At stake is \$45 billion worth of dollars in federal money allocated to cities and communities based on the size and need of their populations. In addition, the 1990 census cost Ohio two congressional seats, and a third might be in danger in 2000.

In the next several weeks,

Help make the Black community count!



we'll see that Gov. Taft and Secretary Blackwell will be the two most outspoken Ohioans on census participation," said Blackwell spokesman Carlo LoPardo.

Monday, "It's an important issue and both agree that Ohio

has a lot riding on it."

An accurate count is especially important because many of those left out in 1990 were minorities and children in poor urban and rural areas, LaPoro said.

The Census Bureau estimated that in Ohio in 1990 it undercounted 3.5 percent of blacks and 2.8 percent of Hispanics.

The bureau also undercounted 2.0 percent of all Ohio children, including 6.5 percent of black children and 2.8 percent of Hispanic children.

In a recent survey of 34 cities nationally that included Cincinnati, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton and Youngstown, the U.S. Conference of Mayors estimated the undercount in cities at least \$900 mil-

lion.

Cincinnati estimated an undercount of 3.1 percent, which cost the city \$40 million in lost state and federal funds in the 1990s, according to the survey.

Dayton estimated an undercount of 2.8 percent, but did not provide an estimate of lost money. Youngstown estimated an undercount of 4.6 percent and a loss of \$3.23 million. Cuyahoga Falls did not report an undercount.

A committee in Dayton is working to increase participation by black and Appalachian communities, as well as by college students living in off-campus apartments, said Jeffrey Payne with Dayton's city planning office.

"We're trying to strategically attack this challenge in areas where we can make a strong impact," Payne said Monday. "But it's still going to be up to our citizens actually getting out and doing what they have to do—that's filling out the form and mailing back, honestly and promptly."

In addition to Taft and Blackwell's initiative, 44 committees similar to Dayton's are working across Ohio to improve participation rates, said Steve Dudley, a vice chairman with the Ohio Department of Development.

"We have raised the awareness dramatically from the previous census and we're very excited about the response we're getting from committees to get the message out," he said Monday.

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World Creators

Like myself, there are millions of black women out there doing it for themselves — bringing home the bacon and serving it up. A recent national study revealed that half of black households are headed by women — "The country's 8.4 million black households, about 45 percent, or 3.8 million families, are led by lone women without partners present." I found that to be one startling statistic. The reason for this disparaging and disproportional difference, in comparison to white households entails a host of intrinsic reasons too complicated to detail here. The bottom line is this: As a single black mom and sole support of my teenage daughter, I am a homeowner, and recent college graduate. I take offense to any man telling me I've gotten out of my "place." Yeah, I'm a black woman, someone I love dearly had the nerve to tell me this. Believe me, he's sorry for that male chauvinist remark. Beyond offended, I found his mindless thought outlandishly exasperating — to think men still think like this. In light of Women's History Month and all that it means to be a WOMAN, we must still forge ahead in the struggle for MAN to recognize our strengths. We must still battle for the respect we undeniably deserve — WOMAN does not equate to bitches and ho's, or mere objects for sexual pleasures — something young sisters need to understand. As a WOMAN, we are supreme beings — we create and nurture the world. Sisters explain this to your sons!

The Next Civil Rights battleground

By Mike Green

Americans recently paused to reflect on the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is fitting that we did so because he left a lasting legacy of civil rights education by asking if America still abided by her founding creed that we are all created equal and have the right to live free and develop to the fullest our God-given talents.

King refused to believe that the vaults of opportunity and justice were empty. He was right. Thanks to his efforts the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and other measures, helped open those vaults.

And yet so much remains to be done. While the black middle class has grown since the 1960s, blacks remain disproportionately plagued by unemployment, poverty and limited family assets. So, we must remove the heavy hand of big government that impeded black progress today just as rampant racism restrained blacks in the past. I believe that expanding educational freedom and economic opportunity is the great civil rights battleground of the 21st century.

America cannot excel in this new economy if it traps millions of children in mismanaged, bureaucratic, educational wastelands.

A good education is a civil right and a passport to economic freedom. No mother should be forced to send her child to a bad school. I suggest immediately converting federal education funds into block grants for states and local communities with one proviso: Give parents the freedom to choose schools that work-public, private, or parochial-and give teachers the freedom to create such schools.

I would like to see a wide range of local and state-based reforms to improve public schools and give parents and teachers more control. Such reforms include merit-pay scholarships, educational savings accounts, tuition tax credits, more charter schools, merit pay for teachers, fast-track teacher certification for retired business leaders and military officials, and the creation of a new frontier of faith-based schools.

Meanwhile, I will continue to fight for tax freedom. Last spring, I met with black ministers in Baltimore.

"The folks in my church are beginning to move ahead," one pastor told me. "They're beginning to create some wealth. They're saving for another egg for the future. But now, they're facing new threats like capital gains taxes and inheri-

tance taxes that threaten to take away huge portions of what they want to pass on to their children. What can we do about that?"

The Internal Revenue Service and 7.5-million-dollar federal tax code are real barriers to equity and opportunity. It is time to bury the tax code.

Taxpayers would be free to choose an honest, simple, flat tax that treats everyone fairly and equally. As I have said for years, there should be no tax on savings, pensions, or Social Security. No marriage penalty, no capital gains tax, no tax on their mortgages, afford health insurance, and save for college. It could remove 20 million low-income Americans from the tax rolls.

Beyond education and taxes lies the issue of wealth creation. In 1994, the National League reported that white families enjoy nearly 12 times more financial assets than black families. How do we help close this "racial asset" gap?

The key is to free working to have the lion's share of their Social Security taxes deposited into individual retirement accounts. Seniors should be fully protected — no benefits cut, no increased retirement age, and no more raids on the Social Security trust fund.

In fact, we must remove current taxes on Social Security benefits and cut them beneficially.

Prisoners made good on their promises kept. Workers under 55, meanwhile, could use their new accounts to create real personal wealth. A single mother raising two children and earning \$36,000 per year could retire with a nest egg exceeding a half-million dollars.

Don't get me wrong. Social Security reform represents the greatest opportunity in American history to wipe out hard-core poverty in the next generation. African-American men would be this new system's greatest beneficiaries. Sadly, they tend to have shorter life spans and often die earlier than most of their Social Security benefits. But under our plan, a black man who dies prematurely would leave his assets not to the Treasury but to his widow and children — tax free.

Can America fulfill Dr. King's dream of freedom and opportunity? The answer depends on whether we choose politics-as-usual or a principled, substantive vision for genuine reform. Let us choose wisely.

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Dr. Woodson and African Center Education

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

The African Centered Education Movement has brought a new meaning to the annual African American History Month celebration that became so popular. This new meaning of African Centered thought, as defined by Dr. Wade Nobles, "is nothing more than a term categorizing a quality of thought and practice which is rooted in the cultural image and interest of African people and which represents and reflects the life experiences, history and traditions of African people as the center of analyses."

The National Centered thought is African Centered thought is "the intellectual and philosophical foundations upon which African people should create their own scientific criterion for authenticating human reality."

Through the African Centered Education Movement, African American History Month has now become the catalyst for the intense study of Africa and the African people around the world throughout the year.

Dr. Carter C. Woodson, who founded in February of 1926 what at that time was called "Negro History Week," would indeed be inspired by the continuing discussion and debate over the infusion of the contributions of African people in all subjects. Dr. Woodson was deeply concerned that the contributions of African people to this society and the world were not given their proper recognition.

Dr. Woodson's great book, *The Miseducation of the Negro*, written in 1933, described

in the first chapter titled, "The Seat of the Troubles," the essence of what the African Centered Curriculum Movement is battling against today - 67 years later.

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Seattle and Beyond: Making the connection

By Dr. Manning Marable

It was immensely significant for black America that the last major public demonstration in the U.S. in the 20th century was a protest over global economics and trade. More than forty thousand people came to Seattle to oppose the policies of the World Trade Organization, which since 1995 has furthered the interests of transnational capital in league with powerful corporate and financial interests. Labor activists went to Seattle to force the WTO to enact trade sanctions against nations that use child labor, prohibit labor unions and that pay slave wages to their workers. Environmental activists came to Seattle to pressure the WTO to ensure environmental safeguards would be part of any global trade agreement.

What motivated both labor and environmentalists in the political recognition that issues like human rights, employment and healthcare cannot be addressed individually as separate issues. Nor can they be effectively discussed only in the context of a single nation-state. Capital is now truly global, and any analysis of specific socioeconomic problems that affect us must be international in perspective.

The WTO was set up to be the global headquarters for drafting and enforcing trading rules. When one member country challenges another's trading practices, disputes

are settled mostly by panels of trade experts. Flame Bernard, director of Harvard's Trade Union Program, explains that the WTO's rules are based on privatization, free trade and few regulations on the environment. Bernard states the WTO's rules "value corpo-

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This is the basis of the current African Centered Education Movement, whose objective is to take control of the education of African people in America. The movement is to insure that the truth is taught in all the institutions in our communities and particularly in our schools.

We must take the spirit of African American History Month to another level. Our history must be studied throughout the year.

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Send Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba

By Michael King

Elian Gonzalez's parents were divorced, much the same way thousands of couples have separated and divorced in the United States. Elian and his brother were in the custody of his father, Juan, with his mother taking him to weekends; again, much the same way as many couples in the United States.

What is different is that Elizabeth Broton-Rodriguez, the mother, has been held in the Florida Straits in a leaky boat filled with other refugees attempting to come to America. She felt that she could have a better life there with relatives of hers that already live in Southern Florida. She wanted her son to be there with her. The journey for many refugees that cross the Straits is a hazardous one-many have died making the attempt.

Elian's mother stopped him from going with her, and during the course of the journey died when the boat sank. Little Elian survived by clinging to the inner tube of a tire until rescued by fishermen. Elian's relatives - uncles, cousins, aunts in Southern Florida came forward to claim him. But instead of returning him to his father, they insisted that he stay custodian to keep him away from Cuba. One of Elian's fathers, his father, could offer little.

What makes matters worse is that American officials are ignoring both international and domestic law to make a political statement.

Indiana Republican Dan Burton subpoenaed Elian so that he can appear before a House committee in early March. This would

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

TRENTON — The Second Annual Black Executive Corporate Awards Reception "The Colors of Our Character" will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. For more information, call (609) 393-3953.

NEW JERSEY MCKEECATAWAY — "Making Oldies Cool Again: Next Generation?" Rutgers Family Business Forum Workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Cook Campus Center, Edison. For further information contact Stacey B. Henn at (732) 932-7084 ext. 616.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

JERSEY CITY — The Entrepreneurial Training Institute will hold a training class at the Trust Company of New Jersey, 10th floor from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. For more information, call (908) 232-9297.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

LAKWOOD — The Entrepreneurial Training Institute will host a class at Lakewood High School, 855 Somerset Avenue, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (908) 232-9297.

LINCOLN — The Morris County Fair Park will host "Successful Money Management" from 7:10 p.m. at the Thompson Park Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincoln. For more information, call (732) 942-4400.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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WANDE — The international school "Before You Say Goodbye" featuring a group of Black families in New Jersey will be featured from January 24 through March 3 in the Ben Shahn Galleries at William Paterson University. Show hours are Monday — Friday 10am — 8pm. Admission is FREE. For additional information, call (973) 720-2654.

New Jersey Citizen Action pickets Paterson HUBCO



Rev. Reginald Jackson

PATERSON — New Jersey Citizen Action, the state's largest consumer watchdog organization, and Passaic County community leaders picketed the Paterson branch of Hudson United Bank (HUBCO) at the corner of Clark and Market today, demanding that the Federal Reserve hold a public hearing on the impending merger. HUBCO merged with Dime Savings & Loan Association of New Jersey on December 9, 1999. New Jersey Citizen Action filed a formal challenge to the Federal Reserve's action.

In 1998, only one mortgage was made to African-American borrowers in all of Passaic and Bergen counties, and no refinance loans were made. Of 78

Home Improvement Loans made in the two counties in 1998, only five loans were made to African-Americans.

According to data from the Home Mortgage and Disclosure Act (HMDA) filings for 1998, HUBCO's poor lending record is consistent with figures from other New Jersey areas. In the entire State of New Jersey, only 2.2% of home purchase loans to African-American borrowers were made by HUBCO. According to the HMDA, only 1.1% of home purchase loans to African-American borrowers were made by HUBCO to African-American borrowers. No mortgages or loans to refinance were made to Latino or African-American people in the Mahwah Statistical Area (MSA) (Metropolitan Statistical Area), which also includes Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. The bank made only one home improvement loan to an African-American in the area last year. Hudson United made only 23 conventional Home Purchase Loans in the Jersey City MSA, which includes all of Hudson

County. None of these loans were made to African-Americans, whose income was well above low-income earners. In that same year, in the Newark MSA (which includes all of Essex, Union and Morris counties), 64 Home Purchase Loans were made, but only four loans were made to an African-American. Two loans were made to low-income earners. In 1993, Hudson United made 22 Home Refinance Loans in the Jersey City MSA; none of these loans were made to African-Americans or to low- to moderate-income borrowers. Of the 93 Home Refinance Loans made in the Newark MSA, only one was made to an African-American borrower. Although 29% of the combined household residents are low-income, only 5.1% and 3.3% of HUBCO's home purchase loans were made to low-income residents in 1997 and 1998, respectively. Zero percent and 2.2% of HUBCO's home refinances were made to low-income residents in 1997 and 1998. Even though 33.8% of Essex, Morris and Union counties census tracts are low and moderate income (LMI), only 9% of HUBCO's same census tracts were made in LMI units in 1998.

Lending by all banks in Passaic and Bergen Counties in 1998 was far from satisfactory, but in most instances HUBCO came closest to being aggressive in lending to minorities. In 1998, 2.6% of home purchase loans by all lenders went to African-Americans in these counties, while only .9% of Hudson's loans to refinance all that population. Only 2.8% of all banks' loans to refinance in 1998 went to African-Americans, while none of Hudson's loans to refinance were made to the population. Just 3.7% and 11.7% of all home improvement loans were made to African-American and Latino borrowers, respectively, while only 3% and 6.8% of HUBCO's Home Improvement loans were made to those groups.

Of equal concern are the broken promises HUBCO made to

the people of Newark in 1997. In 1997, NJ Citizen Action picketed the bank over its poor lending record in the City of Newark, and was ultimately able to negotiate an agreement with Security National to improve their lending, an agreement subsequently adopted by HUBCO when it became a subsidiary of National. In that agreement, there was a pledge to set aside \$4 million for Newark programs and products that would establish a level of lending and investment for Newark residents, business and urban housing development. This amount was increased when HUBCO acquisitions activated the agreement's escalation clause in mid-1999.

In October, HUBCO reported to NJCA that as of June 1999, only \$325,300 had been invested.

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in Newark, a city the bank had specifically promised to focus on. Why should we believe a \$2.5 billion bank, with the largest diversified bank will find its way to minority and low-income citizens in this and other urban areas?" commented Cathy Malmstrom, NJCA's Director of Community Relations.

NJ Citizen Action has been talking to HUBCO to come to the table since early October to update the agreement currently in place to address the bank's problems with lending to minorities and low-income people in urban areas.

The bank has repeatedly ignored requests for specific information about how it has been meeting its goals and has failed to respond to Diane Steiner, director of the NJ Affordable Housing Network suggested, "If there are problems getting projects to qualify, HUBCO needs to sit down with City Action and the Affordable Housing Network to discuss what detail had been attempted and what has not worked, so that together we can figure out a way to remedy the situation." NJCA has enlisted the help of the Hudson County Executive, the Mayor of Jersey City, and the Boards of Freeholders of both Essex and Morris Counties. Woodbridge Mayor James McGovern is planning to participate in a press conference supporting NJCA's position.

"A look at the facts makes it clear that the bank has not made a serious effort to lend to qualified minorities. The lack of loans, the amount of funds loaned, all cry out for both confession and repentance."

— Rev. Reginald Jackson

NJ Citizen Action has signed agreements in place with both HUBCO and Dime Savings Banks to review the results of current lending. Both HUBCO and Dime Savings have signed joint agreements incorporating the terms of the escalation clauses.

"We hope that these agreements will be negotiated soon," said Diane Steiner, director of the NJ Affordable Housing Network.

"This merged entity will be a strong presence in New Jersey. HUBCO must come to the table to review the results of current lending and to sign a joint agreement incorporating the terms of the escalation clauses," continued Ms. Woolley.

"I am very concerned about HUBCO's commitment to the urban areas and the lack of progress they have made to address those concerns two years into the current agreement. An escalation clause that went into effect in 1998 increasing HUBCO's CRA pledge does not seem to have had any effect on the bank's subsequent lending

operations.

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NJDA helps small business in Long Branch

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right time: my landlord was increasing my rent at my current location. Believe it or not, through NJDA's help, my monthly rent will be less than my previous rent," continued Ms. Woolley.

Peaceable Kingdom was established in 1995, specializing in cemetery memorials and publques, bronze plaques and 13 granite benches for Presidential Park in Long Branch.

In addition to financial assistance from the NJDA, Ms. Woolley received training through its Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI) in 1995. ETI helps entrepreneurs get started by providing the basics of operating a business through a series of workshops.

"I enrolled in ETI because I wanted to start my own business, but I didn't have a business background," explained Ms.

Woolley. "The most valuable tool I learned from the ETI program was how to develop my business plan. This program was essential in defining my business goals and objectives."

"NJDA was established to help small business, particularly those owned or managed by minorities and women," said Greg Williams, Chairman of the NJDA. "We offer both financial and technical assistance to make the road to business success an easier one."

According to Williams, NJDA is committed to helping small business create jobs and succeed. New Jersey's "As New Jersey's economy continues to prosper, our primary goal is to improve the viability of our small businesses. We offer training, financial and financial assistance for the benefit of new and future businesses throughout the Garden State," he added.

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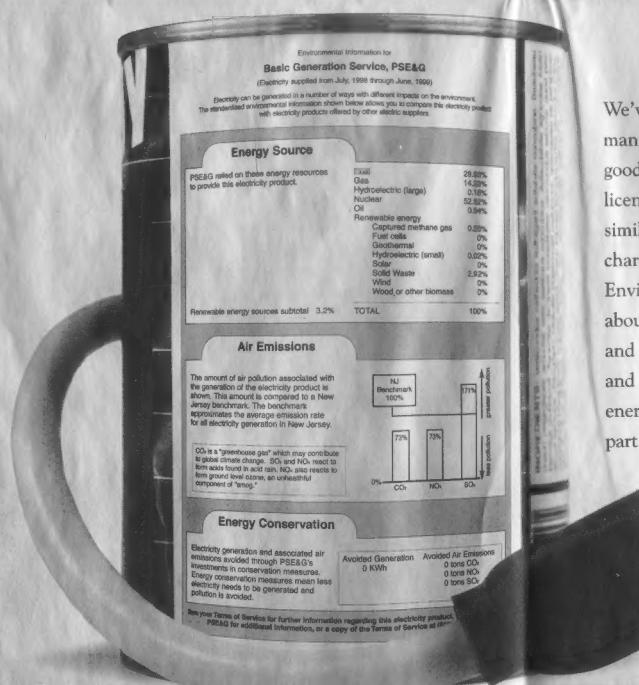
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OK'S GREEN MEASURE

TRENTON — The Assembly Judiciary Committee has approved legislation Assemblyman Harry Green sponsored that would stiffen the penalties for animal assaults like the June 7, 1998 pit-bull attack on a 13-year-old Plainfield boy.

Green said the measure (A-501) was crafted to crack down on assaults committed by pit-bull breeders and other attack animals in urban areas.

The bill would make assault by an animal a third-degree crime punishable by up to 18 months in jail and \$10,000 in fines. If the animal causes bodily injury the penalty is increased to a third-degree crime punishable by up to 5 years in jail and \$15,000 in fines.

"People who use their dogs or other animals to assault others should be held just as accountable as if they were to attack another person with their own hands," said Assemblyman Green.

Despite the bill's intent, a dog can serve as an effective deterrent against crime, but it should not be used to cause others harm."

Under this measure, assault by an animal is defined as any time an individual or persons attempt to inflict bodily injury or death upon another person.

"A dog does not have to physically attack another person to be considered an assault," said Green.

"A dog can be a person's best friend, not his worst enemy. Individuals should not use their pets to intimidate or harm others."

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as well. By the time the homeowner found about them, these homes had either been foreclosed upon, or the note sold to a third party. In some instances, homeowners were being charged for water service to vacant land, and were totally unaware of it. Since the properties did not have mailing addresses, the bills were accruing in the name of the owner of the property, not the homeowner, the homeowner being aware of it. If there was a broken underground pipe with water seeping out, the owner is liable for that as well. To complicate the matter, water rates just increased to over \$2.00 per gallon. Incidentally, according to Holloway, residents just received a tax increase, and can expect another 6 percent increase in the near future.

"If they fall behind on their payments, anybody can come and buy that unit. When the municipality sells it off, the new owner will include all monies owed. Even have been picked up some water and sewer charges along with the rest of the liens."

At this rate, ordinary homeowners will not be able to afford their homes, leaving a lot of the hands of more affluent investors.

According to one resident, "When you put your name in the paper in October that they are going to sell your water lien, people owe as little as \$3. In 1992, when I bought my house, there was a water bill on vacant lots, which were worth less than \$16, and wound up being over \$3,000. But these new homes on the water aren't paying any taxes. They're getting tax abatements, and we're paying the difference."

Conselvorsman Holloway explained that all those who had dealt with Bryan were automatically in the lawsuit, but urged everyone to get their documentation, correspondence detailing the installment plan; canceled checks with their name, address and phone number on them and make copies for them as soon as possible.

"It won't happen overnight, but we are working steadily on this, and your cooperation is essential."

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Martin Luther King III calls for justice for Mumia

NEWARK — Supporters for Pennsylvania death row journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal are proud to announce that Martin Luther King III, the son of slain civil rights giant Martin Luther King Jr., has joined the international chorus of humanity demanding justice for the former Black Panther and prisoner of conscience who, along with the nation, is preparing for a massive civil disobedience action on the Supreme Court of the United States on February 28 in Washington, D.C.

King III, who has chosen to unite with Nelson Mandela, Bishop Thomas Gunther, the European Parliament, the Congressional Black Caucus, Amnesty International, Harry Belafonte, Paul Robeson, Harry Davis, Danny Glover, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and millions of others around the globe, to fight for the life of our brother in the struggle, Mumia Abu-Jamal," he declared.

King III, the president of his civil rights organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), made his declaration on January 12th as his family and the nation was gearing up to celebrate the

national Martin Luther King holiday.

Underscoring SCLC's opposition to the death penalty as matter of principle, the young King said:

"The conductors of the evil system of injustice made Abu-Jamal a political prisoner and then plots his execution. As concerned citizens members of the global society we cannot afford to sit back and let an innocent man die."

The Kansas City chapter of the SCLC also dedicated their annual Martin Luther King Day observance to the imperialist journalist. The event was also dedicated to other political prisoners, Leonard Peltier, now in his 24th year of wrongful confinement, and the leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and Acosta Shakur's co-defendant, going into his 27th year of wrongful confinement. It was in the Black Panther Party and the Southern Christian Leadership Action. Both were framed for killing police officers just as Abu-Jamal was.

"This is an important step forward," said Zayid Muhammed, a long-time Abu-Jamal

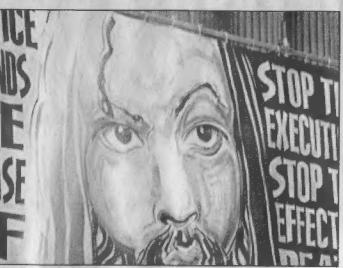
supporter who participated in the July 3rd takeover of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia for Abu-Jamal.

At the same time that both the nationalist and interfaith wings of our community find ways to work together, COINTELRO at its height made too many simply too afraid to do so," he concluded.

Ninety-six activists willfully faced arrest at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia on July 3rd, the anniversary of the 1982 conviction and death sentence.

Greater numbers are expected at the February 28th action, which also seeks to highlight President Clinton's Expedited Death Penalty Act. This law, signed into effect on Abu-Jamal's birthday in 1996, puts most death row inmates on permanent appeals in the federal courts. Federal judge William Yohn is expected to rule on Abu-Jamal's appeal in March. Because of the new law, it is the only chance for new evidence to be considered for review in the federal courts.

The only way to stop such actions is for all forces of good-will, regardless of our political



A massive civil disobedience action will take place at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington D.C. on Feb. 28

differences, to come together and protect each other's right to exist and to contribute to our society. So even though I belong to one people's Malcolm-centered self-defense style, even though it is not at all my style, I think that it is enormously poetic that a bunch of us, from different traditions and

from around the world, are going to burn rush the Supreme Court 'King' style for a Black Panther pioneer," he finished, referring to his own personal participation in the February 28th action.

People wanting to participate in the February 28th action must call 973-1440.

Gov. Jim Florio unveils health care plan



Former state Gov. Jim Florio

John Sowell announces candidacy for West Ward

On Monday, January 10, 2000, John Sowell became the first officially certified candidate for the Office of the West Ward Council Member, in the May 9, Municipal Election, in the Township of Irvington. John Sowell, the chairman of the Township's Housing Board, is running for a property tax payer for over ten years, believes the time is right to offer new leadership to the hard working residents of the West Ward.

"As a local business, community activist and neighborhood assembly member, I believe the problems are in the township all the way," John commented.

I know that the residents are looking for new leadership, but also a leader that will listen, learn and will not need on the job training. I am ready, willing and able to meet that challenge."

John has a wealth of experience dealing with the issues in Irvington, both politically and in civic life. John is the Chairman of the Irvington West Ward Democratic Committee and has served as a District Leader since 1994. He is a member of the NJWIA Local 26-26 AFL-CIO and served as the campaign manager/coordinate for several local, county, state, federal and union elected officials, all before his 33rd birthday. John Sowell is a true leader, a true worker and learned early that caring about one's community and working to make it better does not have an age limit or starting point. I have

always just been committed to doing what I can to make where we live better for everyone."

John Sowell is concentrating on six major issues: curbing the chronic loitering on street corners, fighting for clean and safe neighborhoods, bringing back financial stability to the township, increasing senior citizen, citizen/youth programs, crime reduction/prevention and encouraging economic development through small businesses development. "I have worked on all of these issues for most of my life," John stated. "I believe that Irvington's best days are ahead, not behind. With new energy, the will to work, to listen and learn from the residents of the township themselves, there is nothing we cannot accomplish together."

John plans to knocking on every door in the West Ward asking for their vote. He stated, "We are starting early because we have a lot of folks to talk to, but more importantly, to listen to as we work towards a victory in the spring."

The Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2000. For more information on who you can get involved with the campaign, just to start the conversation, please call (973) 375-4146, fax (973) 375-2935 or e-mail sowell2000@aol.com.

New Jersey Historic Trust Grants are now available

TRENTON — The New Jersey Historic Trust has announced that applications for grants under the Garden State Historic Preservation Fund are now available. Matching grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, are available for the protection, restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization and management of historic sites. Non-profit organizations and units of county and municipal governments may apply. Projects may be eligible for funding in the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places.

The application deadline is April 24. A workshop for grant applicants is planned for February 18, at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick.

Award recommendations will be announced at a public meeting on September 14.

This is the first round of matching grants under the Garden State Historic Preservation Fund, which was established by a voter-approved ballot initiative to preserve open space, farmland, and historic sites with funding from state revenues guaranteed for the next decade in the current budget. At least \$12 million is available. In addition to large bricks and mortar projects, the new grants program introduces new funding categories for smaller capital preservation projects and for planning activities that promote effective site management.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Governor Jim Florio today unveiled his Patient First Health care proposal, giving patients and their doctors greater control over health care decisions and more affordable prescriptions for all — especially senior citizens.

Florio's Patient First Health Care Plan Bill, introduced by Assemblyman Patricio Diaz and Senator John H. "Affordable Prescription Drug Plan" in a speech at the Rutgers University Institute of Health yesterday.

Patients should be entitled to get the drug their doctor says will be most effective, not the bargain basement drug the HMO says will save them the most money," Florio said. "We also need to pay special attention to seniors, Middle Class patients and disabled individuals who make up just 12% of the population. They account for one-third of all prescription drugs and one of every three have no prescription drug coverage at all."

"My prescription plan targets coverage to the millions of ill and frail Americans who have the highest drug expenses and need help the most," added Florio.

The poorest seniors would continue to be covered by Medicaid for all of their costs. Middle Class patients, including those as high as \$45,000, would cover much of their remaining costs covered by state prescription drug programs," Florio continued.

The Florio initiative would be aimed at the two-year-old Children's Health Care Plan program. It would provide federal funding for states to create or expand prescription drug programs for lower and middle-income seniors. Middle Class patients as high as \$45,000 would cover much of their remaining costs covered by state prescription drug programs," Florio continued.

Quality affordable health care would be a basic right for all Americans, not just a few," said Florio. "The horror stories of patients being denied medically needed treatments are now legion," he said. "It's time for individual decisions to be given to the patient and those positioned to provide the best medical judgment the patient's doctor."

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Ras Baraka (left) and Juba Dowdell



Juba Dowdell



Toro

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By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

It goes and comes. It's hot; it's not. The ebb and flow of poetry. The poet, an artist, truth practitioners, hopeless romantics and soothsayer of dreams, the directors of reality — it's hip again — poetry. And if you appreciate the word or have some bomb words to drop — every Thursday night at Verse 4 Verse Poetry Cafe at 12-A Linden Street, in Newark, there are things you ought to be. Warning: There are no wannabes. You have to do come correct, and have your \$5 cover charge.

As a starvng for something new to do, the college set to the mature-in-age are flocking to the newly opened hot spot for a dose of reality. Or maybe it's a flirtatious rendezvous with what love should be, seemingly, as only a poet can express it. And that's what they're seeking. Whatever the case — it's all good.

Your hosts for the evening: Juba Dowdell and Ras Baraka, who kick-it themselves, while making everyone feel right at home. Verse 4 Verse, which originally started out as a fundraising concept, when it first was running for a seat on the City Council in 1997, has evolved into a series of events happening. Miming the congeniality of the hosts, the place, from the door, is inviting, cozy and warm. But the cafe heats up to 100 plus degrees, hot, when featured poets take front and center stage.

"Toilet bowl you understand me. People make me sick," says poet Kenny Kill, as he simulates quite realistically, with the use of a chair how the



photos by Pablo Tinio

toilet bowl when sick can be man's best friend. "Don't ever leave me toilet bowl. I swear I'll never get mad at them again. They just make me sick."

With the accompaniment of gifted musicians, whom go by the name of "Soul Alchemy," a poet like Psiwue takes poetry to another stratosphere. This latter, who hails from Jamaica, Queens, represented with finesse and a certain regal aura.

"I am time passing," says Psiwue, with an alluring tilt reminiscent to that of Eartha Kitt's. "My writing is my heart's work ... transforming poetry into music. I am seeking life's process ... I say my poetry to myself to remember to forget to create ... My existence bears transcendence. I freely tell my mind to freely tell the truth."

Another featured poet from Brooklyn, New York — E. Patric's use of metaphors to describe love making was, well, let's say — he drove his point home.

And just when you think it can no better, the open mic segment proves to be as entertaining and as thought provoking as the featured artists. MotherCheek hit the crowd hard with a soliloquy committed to memory that at times she poignantiy expressed through song.

Tray-Cee, who killed a poem about the whacked out of the television show "90210" got the crowd involved. "OHMIGOD!" And Toro performed. No, he PERFORMED a piece about "gravity," which was filled with all kinds of vitality and energy.

Once revved up, Verse 4 Verse rolls along at warp speed, proving the awesome power that exists in the word — when spoken — from the heart.

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A jazzy New-ark state of mind!

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

Rod Bush, resident, Ralph Gatta, 65, enjoyed being tramping in Newark regularly in the late 50's to Hank's Evergreen Club, where he would catch the hottest acts around in jazz. It was there that he vividly recalls seeing The Billy Taylor Trio, which featured Dinah Washington, and after their set was over, Gatta romanced in the thought of buying "The Queen of Jazz" when she was still a young girl.

As president of Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District, Inc., compiled of an Outreach Committee and Executive Committee have anything to do with it, more memories like those of Gatta's will become the reality in Newark again.

The aim of the LPCCD is to revitalize an area of Newark and its surrounding sites — Symphony Hall, South Park Presbyterian Church, the Bridge Club and the Krueger-Scott Mansion. Overall, LPCCD's plan is to create an "artsy" cultural district to include shops, artist-in-residence housing, cafés, and jazz clubs.

According to Amiri Baraka, vice chairman of the LPCCD Outreach Committee, the organization is a grass roots representation of residents, businesses, cultural institutions and artists whose goal, working in conjunction with the Regional Plan Association, is to "revive the historic arts district at the southern end of Broad Street to complement the development which has begun on the north end."

To unveil what's still yet to come, LPCCD will be alive with music and dance on Feb. 25, at a community party hosted by the district's organizational leadership. Featuring entertainment showcasing



Newark Symphony Hall

ing the City's broad cultural diversity, the party will be held in the Hall's Terrace Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and is open to the public for \$15.

One of the highlights of the agenda planned for the evening, Baraka said, is a presentation concept called the "Newark Store," a proposed marketing effort to sell the unique brand of Newark and its rich history of jazz to New York and other companies.

The marketing effort will be conducted through a series of kiosks strategically located in heavily-trafficked "people centers" throughout the

city. "It's a fabulous project," said Juba Dowdell, who is a member of the Outreach Committee. "Number one, I am an artist, writer and teacher. I love Newark — this is, multicultural to the max." According to Jerome Enis, who is the organization's public relations consultant, the plans are "coming along well." A conference slated for the second weekend in April will bring architects and community leaders together to revisit holistically the work-in-progress.

In the meantime, students from the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Design are working with the committees to move the project forward.

"There are plans to put a relief sculpture on the side of the Star Ledger building, which was once the site of 'Club Washington,'" said Professor Tony Schuman of NJIT. "The students are designing markers for these sites to remember places gone by."

A collage of photographs and model designs by students — from a trumpet shaped street light to an oversized door featuring the likes of Newark's very own Sarah Vaughan — were on display in the Weston Lecture Hall of NJIT on Feb. 10, when Baraka addressed the crowd gathered there about the LPCCD.

Baraka's point is that there is a lot of musicians coming out of Newark who play other places and record in other studios outside of Newark," said Schuman. "The project is of a cultural interest."

Also celebrating "the rebirth of Newark's Arts District," LPCCD had a diverse line up of entertainment featuring Hip Hop (dead prez to Salas (Salsa De Conjunto Pastrano), and the Newark Boys Chorus.

The Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District, Inc., is committed to harnessing the creativity and community actions of the residents of Newark to recreate what was at one time a nationally-recognized bastion of music and art," said Baraka.

For additional information about the event telephone (973) 623-1133.

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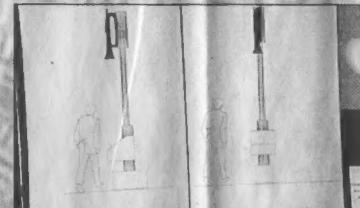


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Visionary Amiri Baraka, vice chairman of the Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District, Inc. Outreach Committee.



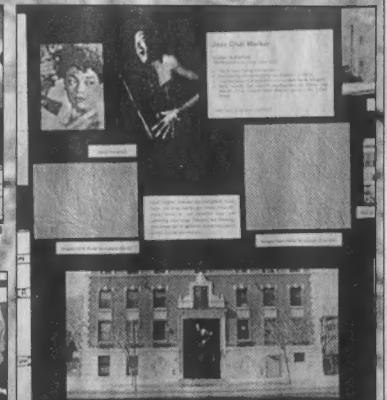
The Integrity House is one of the sites included in the Lincoln Park Coastal Cultural District plans.



A student drawing of a proposed marker that would identify historical landmarks that were once a part of the early jazz scene in Newark.



L-r NJIT design students Anna Peterson and Jim Wessel pose before "The Newark Music Project."



Sarah Vaughan marker

HeartBeat

Tobacco and African Americans: Modern enslavement

Heartbeat Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

NEWS BRUNSWICK - NJCU PARENT SUPPORT GROUP - For the parents of children in the neonatal intensive care unit will meet in the teaching room of the intensive care nursery at Saint Peter's University Hospital, 2024 East Avenue. For more information, call Gary Cooper at (732) 745-6528.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

NEWARK - American Heart Association Citizen CPR 2000 class CPR and the Heimlich maneuver can save a life. For more information, call (732) 821-2610 ask for Jennifer Rivera.

NEW BRUNSWICK - New Brunswick Senior Center on Huntington St. is doing blood pressure screenings at 10 a.m. For more information, call Gary Cooper at St. Peter's University Hospital (732) 745-6528.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SADDLE BROOK - The Alps Clinic at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation is offering a support group to provide and discuss issues related to a progressive treatment program for the future. The program lasts from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information, call Kayann Freeman at (973) 243-6550.

NEWARK - UMDNJ University Hospital will sponsor CPR training. The course is held on Friday, 15th floor, UMDNJ, room F-350. The cost of the course is \$10. Call (973) 972-6554 for more information.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NEWARK - "My Medical School 2000" will take place on the Newark campus of UMDNJ. The program is open to the public. First come, first serve. Program starts from 8 - 9 p.m. For more information, call (973) 972-7072.

SUMMIT - The overbooked hospital urges you to attend "Healthcare and Your Child" at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beaufort Ave, Summit, New Jersey. The program will run from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (908) 244-7580.

THE END

WESTFIELD - Care-Giver Support Group Meeting - A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved one, meeting at 8 p.m. in the parish hall, St. John the Baptist Church on Lambeau's Mill Road. For more information, call Marilyn at (908) 238-9751.

Horizon Blue Cross/ Shield of New Jersey introduces alternatives medicine program

NEWARK - Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey has introduced an alternative medicine program, which offers significant discounts to members on such services as acupuncture, massage therapy, nutritional counseling, and yoga instruction, as well as vitamins and related products.

Horizon Alternative Therapies will be part of Horizon BCBSNJ's growing value-added discount programs available to members of the company's health plan. The program is designed to help complement traditional health care.

"Alternative medicine is one of the fastest growing segments of the health industry today and many of our members have already tried it," said William J. Marino, president and chief executive officer of Horizon BCBSNJ. "We are very excited to make available our new Horizon Alternative Therapies program and encourage our members to take advantage of the wide range of services the program offers."

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TOBACCO AND AFRICAN AMERICANS: THEN AND NOW

A four-part series created by Young Communications Group on behalf of the African American Tobacco Education Network. This article is the final in a four-part series of articles chronicling the history of African Americans and tobacco.

Tobacco use has caused widespread devastation among African Americans, burdening the community with a staggering array of illnesses.

According to approximately 45,000 African Americans die from heart disease, cancer and stroke - all preventable smoking-related diseases. Once a primary economic catalyst for black entrepreneurs, the tobacco industry has emerged as a modern-day oppressor, hobbling African American communities with the physical, emotional and economic consequences of nicotine addiction.

Killer Smoke

In "The Invisible Drug" (1996), author William Everett Bailey states that tobacco smoke contains 4,000 chemicals. The most significant are nicotine (an addictive botanical insecticide), tar and about 2,000 deadly chemicals and gasses. "Smokers are a walking toxic dump," he says.

Tobacco Scourge

Smoking is most prevalent among African Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives according to latest government statistics, nationally 26.5 percent of African Americans smoke, but California statistics are somewhat lower, as they are for all ethnic groups and ages. Smoking is an aggressive tobacco control effort.

Smoking affects blacks differently than other racial groups, but scientists are just beginning to understand why. The results



of a study cited in the July 8, 1998, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association reveal that African Americans seem to absorb significantly more nicotine per cigarette than white smokers.

According to the JAMA article, the study indicated blacks who smoked had significantly higher levels of cotinine, a nicotine metabolite, in their bloodstream. This suggests a higher rate of nicotine absorption.

The grim reality African Americans have the greatest incidences of heart disease and cancer, the leading causes of death among smokers.

According to government estimates, blacks are 30 percent more likely than whites to develop lung cancer and to suffer from more complications.

Secondhand smoke has been named a major contributor to recent increases in asthma in the nation's black community.

According to a recent University of California, San Diego, report, nearly 90 percent of Hispanic, Asian and white children in California were protected from secondhand smoke by family members living in single-parent households.

By the 1970s, tobacco companies were supporting African American civil rights leaders and art exhibits. They also advertised routinely in the black press and contributed heavily to African American social service, political and civil rights organizations, linking themselves to worthwhile causes.

Moreover, the California Environmental Protection Agency also names secondhand smoke as a factor in heart disease, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), low birth weight, childhood mumps and ear infections, pneumonia, bronchitis and emphysema.

Bought Silence

At about the same time the U.S. Surgeon General's office released its 1964 landmark warning against cigarette smoking causing lung cancer and other diseases, the tobacco industry began to court the black com-

munity in earnest, and to recruit blacks for prominent positions in their factories and corporate offices.

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But is anything worthwhile about smoking? The habit costs the American health care system an estimated \$100 billion annually in hospital stays, doctors' fees, prescription drugs, dental care for mothers who smoke and care for their low birth weight babies. The economic toll on African American communities is as crippling as its physical and emotional toll.

A Community Responds

Mandela to be honored for lifetime of service by MESAB

NEW YORK — Former South African President Nelson Mandela will attend a ceremony on February 28th at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to receive him with the MESAB Service Award.

With the MESAB Service Award for his commitment to ending racial disparity in his country's education and health systems, Bill Cosby will emcees the event and finance George Soros will serve as the chairman.

MESAB is a non-profit organization based in New Brunswick, NJ, which raises money for black-South Africa's seeking careers in health care and education.

Medicine president and former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis W. Sullivan.

The event will take place in New York City for the first time,

coincidentally, February 2000 marks both the 10th anniversary of Mr. Mandela's release from prison and MESAB's 15th anniversary.

Will you think about individuals who have committed their lives to ending discrimination and improving the quality of life for all people. Nelson Mandela is truly at the top of the list.

MESAB is humbled that Mr. Mandela will appear in person to receive the organization's highest honor.

MESAB will honor Mr. Mandela in recognition of his work to end racial disparity in health care and health care for South African blacks who comprise 90 percent of the country's population but were often left behind during the Apartheid years.

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A message from The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

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Wednesday

February 23 — February 29, 2000

D'Angelo: The second coming of soul

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

In all honesty and no offense to the new generation of cloned music artists, but D'Angelo's *Regret* supersedes all else in its original, authentic art and new. His long-awaited release entitled



DeBarges. D'Angelo is a force like no other. Note, this is an album that will be played for a very long time. A future collector's item.

With every grunt, "huh," "whoow," and hoot, he used live keyboards and horns, a mean bass and percussion, accompanied by off-kilter background vocals fluid to his sounds.

SHUT UP — this boy is indeed the second coming of something. There is not one iota of commercialization in D'Angelo's effort to produce music that sounds from the heart and to the soul. He even had the nerve to take Method Man's "Feel Like Makin' Love," apply his spin to it and its down right raunchy good—the antithesis of Flack's pristine version, which I love. The only drawback is that he's being followed by LaToya Jackson on the cover of *Billboard*.

With every grunt, "huh," "whoow," and hoot, to real live keyboards and horns, a mean bass and percussion, accompanied by off-kilter background vocals fluid to his sound — **SHUT UP** — this boy is good — the second coming of something.

Method Man and Redman. FYI! D'Angelo will grace the stage of Prudential Hall at NJPAC on April 24. Get your tickets now because it's sure to be a sell-out!

The man, 24-year-old Marvin Gaye's schoolmate, took a couple of Sis' Some courses and under the watchful eye of the Artista has emerged at the top of his class. Standing out in front of the two Benets and Chico

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Photo by Thierry LeGoues

MUSIC NOTES

Tony!Toni!Tone's Dwayne Wiggins to release debut solo project

Dwayne Wiggins, member of the former band

Tony!Toni!Tone's is getting to release its first solo album, "Eyes Don't Lie," in March with guest appearances by Nelly, Timbaland, and more.

Wiggins, who was known along with the group for creating hits like "Feels Good," "Anniversary," and "It Never Rains in Southern California," is currently performing in the Motown College Tour with R&B group Prodigy, Spice, and rapper Cap One.



Mariah Carey

March 16

The tour, her first since her 1993 "Music Box" tour, will most likely feature the guests who were available or in the locality. Carey said in an MTV interview.

Some of the dates have not been confirmed, but at press time they are the dates being published.

3/16 - Los Angeles, CA; 3/18 - Las Vegas, NV; 3/22 - Dallas, TX; 3/25 - Chicago, IL; 3/29 - Miami, FL; 4/1 - Atlanta GA; 4/4 - Boston, MA; 4/7 - Toronto, ON, 4/11 - New York, NY



Mary J. Blige

Mary J. Blige, Lil' Kim to model for AIDS charity

Mariah Carey gets ready for first tour in seven years

Mariah Carey is preparing national tour to promote her latest album, "Rainbow," which is set to start in Los Angeles on

R&B singer Mary J. Blige and rapper Lil' Kim were recently invited to the AAC Committee to promote its new lip-stick line, Viva Glam III.

The company, which has featured artists like RuPaul and K.D. Lang, will donate all the profits to its own AIDS charity.

Fame is in the stars for this Leo

By Deepa Hajeja

NEW YORK (AP) — Say what you want about astrology but sometimes that stuff is just on point. Do I hear the skeptics calling for an example? OK, here's one: Kelis. The rising 20-year-old R&B star is a Leo Boy, to start.

Everything about Kelis (pronounced KA-LEESE) is lemon. She has a mane of golden hair (with a dyed-green cast at the moment) tawny skin and a personality that is a textbook of Leo's character traits.

Those who saw her the last night (July 22-Aug. 22) are raving (she's a musician) extroverted (getting her to talk in an interview is NO problem) and strong willed (just ask her friends).

I am the perfect description of a Leo said Kelis in an interview.

No more proof? "Caught in There," the first single from her debut "Kaleidoscope" album, is a scorned woman's response to her cheating lover. The chorus has Kelis shouting, "I hate you so much right now!" AAAHHHHH!

How's that for a roar? It's definitely an attention-getter, as in her Hype Williams-directed video.

After she graduated from high school, Kelis was introduced to Chad Hugo and Pharrell Williams, the production duo known as the Neptunes, who have worked with Mase, Outkast, Busta and SWV.

In the Neptunes, Kelis found people who share her understanding of music. The result is an album that combines the sounds of the past and future: jazz and blues of her childhood with the percussive-heavy beats that are popular in today's urban music.

"We just clicked," she said. They're on another page, and I'm always trying to get to another page."

Some members of the media have commented on the singer in her first song, calling her the R&B Alana Morissette. But Kelis has no fear of being categorized as an "angry young woman."

I think it's natural for people to put you in a box," she said. "People are weak and that's the



Kelis

only way they can comprehend something. If they are able to understand me and say, "Oh, she reminds me" of whatever that is, I'm very weak. But I understand why people feel the need to compare you."

Kelis' name is a combination of the first names of her parents: Kenneth and Evelyn Rogers. Her mother is a Puerto Rican-Chinese designer. Her father, a black musician and minister, died two days before she signed a deal with Virgin Records last year.

She credits her father with instilling a love of music in her. "My understanding of music comes from him." My taste in music comes from him."

Her mother gave her the drive to succeed.

"Mom, she was the one who was hustling me to lessons," Kelis said.

Kelis was born in the New York neighborhood of Harlem

She sang in the church play, I play violin and attended Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan, the school that was the basis for the 1980 movie *Fame*.

Growing up wasn't easy. During the teen years, she had difficulty of connecting with her parents and the people around her and struggled to figure out who she was and what she wanted.

"The teen-ages years for me were really confusing and I didn't like being confused," she said. "Until I turned 18, I was rather lost at world. I was mad I didn't get it."

Now the singer, who is on the verge of stardom, can look back and marvel at how far she's come.

I would never go back to being a teenager," she said. "I am so thrilled to be an adult. It's not even funny."

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RED BANK - Metropolitan Entertainment Group presents Monsey will be performing at the Count Basie Theatre at 8 p.m. for more information, call (212) 966-4600.

NEWARK - The Newark Public Library is showing in theaters "Black America On Stage." Show will begin at 6 p.m. For more information call 733-7735.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ENGLEWOOD - Nancy Wilson and Vanessa Rubin will be performing for the Artist Curators Series at the John Harris Center for the Arts. Show starts at 8 p.m. Call (201) 567-7357 for additional information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NEWARK - New Jersey Historical Society is holding a presentation on "Women's History" at 12:15-1 p.m. For more information call 596-8900.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

TRENTON - Vocalist Monica Mancini joins David Commerford and the NJSO in "A Tribute to Harry Manx" takes place at 8:00 p.m. at the War Memorial. For more information, call (973) 624-3713.

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NEWARK - "Kid's Week at the Theatre" held at The Newark Public Library. Theatre starts at 2 p.m. For more information call 733-7735.

SUMMIT - Summit Chorale presents "Runaway Slaves: A Conversation between John Karcher and George Nair. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is FREE. Call (973) 762-8486.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

BROOKLYN - Six Brooklyn-based Brooklyn Beach honking jazz legend, also appearing comedian Jon-Erik Kellso leading an all star band. For more information call (908) 526-8900 ext. 7219.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

TRENTON - David Commerford and the NJSO will welcome legendary jazz television and Broadway star Debbie Reynolds who will perform many popular standards 8:00 p.m. at the War Memorial. For more information, call (973) 624-3713.

**Wesley Snipes creates "hip hop fiction" with new publishing company**

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NEW YORK-

Just like jazz and R&B soul, hip hop has shown that it is not just a genre of music, but an ever developing culture.

The latest example of this is embodied by a new publishing company, [S] Affiliated, whose purpose is to add to the growing number of books that identify with the feel of the hip hop culture and generation.

Founded by actor Wesley Snipes and publisher-president Marc Gerald, [S] Affiliated follows a path blazed written from the seventies, like Donald Gones, producing tales from the streets with an interesting appeal to fans of hip hop music.

Gerald brings to the company his experience in the music business, as the founder/edictor of Old School Books, which was an award-winning imprint of W.W. Norton, which has pushed many blockbuster novels from the 60s and 70s. He is currently co-producing "Daddy Cool" with Beech Hill Entertainment for Steven L. Jackson, "Thirty and 30" for Fox 2000, and "Welcome To The Old School" with Wesley Snipes for New Urban Entertainment.

Snipes, known for his roles in "Blade," "White Men Can't Jump," and "Rising Sun," and "Jungle Fever," has a first look deal with Universal-based Ameri-

Ra Pictures. Under this company he has produced "The Big Hit," starring Mark Wahlberg, and "Blade," which he started in, which grossed \$130 million. The company also produced the acclaimed film "Down on the Delta," directed by Maya Angelou.

Beginning in April, the company will launch a six-book series accompanied by exclusive mix CDs from one of hip-hop's prominent artists.

"When we were presented with the opportunity to work with [S] Affiliated, it was a blessing," said Def Jam president Kevin Liles. "It's doing something that's never been done before. It's not just music. It's not just books. It's culture."

The first book will be "Street Sweeper," by Ronin Ro. The novel is about a ruthless hit man named Jerome Parker who turns his life around after he accidentally kills an innocent girl. Ro is the author of the acclaimed book "Have Gun Will Travel" (Double-day), which is an acclaimed history of Death Row records.

Other novels that will follow are Antoine Black's "The International"; "XXL Money" by Roland Jefferson; Gary Phillips' "The Perpetrator"; "Anything That Moves" by Joel Rose; and "Platinum" by Michael Gonzalez.

John Hope Franklin wins book award

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — The 10th annual Lincoln Prize for the best work in Civil War history will be shared by the authors of two books — one on runaway slaves and the other an intellectual biography of Abraham Lincoln.

Duke University professor John Hope Franklin and Loren Schweinger of the University of North Carolina, co-authors of "Runaway Slaves: Rebels in the Plantation," and Allen C. Guelzo of Eastern College, author of "Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer-President," will share the award. Each book will earn a \$30,000 prize.

The award, which will be formally presented April 18, is administered by Gettysburg College. Past winners have included documentary filmmaker Ken Burns.



John Hope Franklin

Steely Dan to appear on Ch. 13

Pop/jazz legends Steely Dan, Walter Becker, and Donald Fagen (above), are back together again for an IN THE SPOTLIGHT special, taped exclusively for public television. The occasion marks the release of "Two Against Nature," their first new studio album in 20 years. Presented by Thirteen/WNET New York, "Steely Dan An IN THE SPOTLIGHT" special premieres Wednesday, March 1 at 10 p.m. (EST) on PBS.

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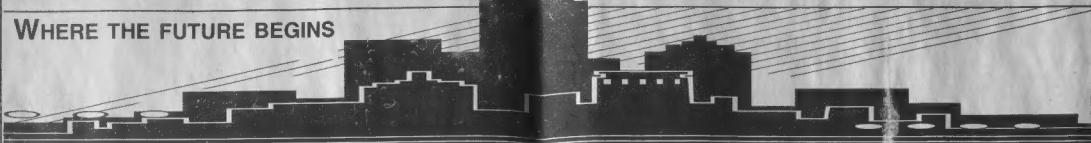


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Sealed Bids

Housing Projects and Service for all Housing Authority Properties

Robeson Village (N.J. 22-1)

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New Brunswick Homes (N.J. 22-3)

Hoffman Homes (N.J. 22-4)

The Contract Value is not to exceed \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) in any individual year. All bids and securities must be submitted in a properly sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the proposer, clearly marked "Insurance Proposals", and addressed to Ms. Donna F. Brightman, Executive Director, 20 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07045.

The services to be provided are regarded as professional services. As such, not only price but the ability, size of the proposer's organization, proximity to the Housing Authority and other similar factors must be utilized in determining the award of contracts hereunder.

Qualifications of insurance companies to be used will also be subject to rating in Best's. A Best rating of A- is required. Insurance companies not having a Best's rating will be rejected. Proposals from any broker or insurance company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and having a duly authorized representative in this State.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof, for cause whatsoever. No proposals shall be deemed acceptable if a proposal is awarded under such circumstances as to affect the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority. Proposals to project to procure cancellation and/or approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Bidders shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience of successful completion of similar work as this project requires.

Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action"; and Public Law 1977, c. 33 which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Kevin Quince
Executive Director, N.H.A.

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AGENCY PLAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The New Brunswick Housing and Redevelopment Authority, ("the N.B.H.A.") is requesting proposals from qualified firms or individuals to prepare an Agency Plan for the New Jersey State Public Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR 903.

Further information about the N.B.H.A. the scope of services, the proposed evaluation criteria, and the proposed timeline for the development of the Agency Plan may be obtained by calling the New Jersey State Public Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR 903.

Proposals are due at the above address in an original and three copies no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 4, 2000. Proposals containing the proposals should be clearly marked AGENCY PLAN PROPOSAL.

Angela Corio
Director of Central Purchasing
NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/ QUOTATION

Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge
Licensed or Approved Brokerage Companies

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Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Office located at 20 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, for a \$15 non-refundable fee, payable by check or money order only.

Proposals should be accepted until 11 AM on 3/26/00.

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Bids for the services described in the Disclosure of Contract Requirements and the detailed description set forth above and will be opened immediately thereafter. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action"; and Public Law 1977, c. 33 which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

For further information contact the Director of Central Purchasing at 732-451-5156. All proposals must be submitted to the Director of Central Purchasing by Friday, March 3, 2000. Proposals containing the proposals should be clearly marked AGENCY PLAN PROPOSAL.

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Director of Central Purchasing
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New Brunswick Homes (N.J. 22-3)

Hoffman Homes (N.J. 22-4)

The Contract Value is not to exceed \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) in any individual year. All bids and securities must be submitted in a properly sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the proposer, clearly marked "Insurance Proposals", and addressed to Ms. Donna F. Brightman, Executive Director, 20 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07045.

The services to be provided are regarded as professional services. As such, not only price but the ability, size of the proposer's organization, proximity to the Housing Authority and other similar factors must be utilized in determining the award of contracts hereunder.

Qualifications of insurance companies to be used will also be subject to rating in Best's. A Best rating of A- is required. Insurance companies not having a Best's rating will be rejected. Proposals from any broker or insurance company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and having a duly authorized representative in this State.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof, for cause whatsoever. No proposals shall be deemed acceptable if a proposal is awarded under such circumstances as to affect the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority. Proposals to project to procure cancellation and/or approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Bidders shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience of successful completion of similar work as this project requires.

Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action"; and Public Law 1977, c. 33 which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Kevin Quince
Executive Director, N.H.A.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Morristown, New Jersey (the "Authority"). In the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 31 Early St., Morristown, NJ on Monday, April 17, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time. All bids shall be opened publicly and read aloud at that time for: EXTERMINATING SERVICES, PROJECT NO. NJ023-001.

THE EXTERMINATING & SANITIZING SERVICE PROVIDER UNITS for a term of one year, commencing May 1, 2000. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids & to reject any & all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00.

The Contract Documents are on file & can be obtained at the Administrative Office of the Authority.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance & Labor & Material Payment Bond to the Authority in the amount of the total bid. In addition, the Authority may provide & with such Sureties as the Authority deems appropriate.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the Laws of the State of New Jersey must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in New Jersey.

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David Gardner
Executive Director

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973-642-5444

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

By the Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, Somerset, New Jersey, are proposing to hire qualified attorneys, legal firms licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey, for the provision of General Legal Services, to be performed over a time period of one year, starting January 1, 2000.

The service that are requested will be as follows and will encompass all of the Housing Authority's Programs (including, but not limited to: Public Housing, (100%), Section 8 (122 units)).

The successful bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance & Labor & Material Payment Bond to the Authority in the amount of the total bid. In addition, the Authority may provide & with such Sureties as the Authority deems appropriate.

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David Gardner
Executive Director

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY OF SOMERSET ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, is a planning process, from conceptual Architectural/Engineering/Funding, to licensed in the State of New Jersey, for design and construction management services at #1 Paradise Street, Somerset, NJ 08873, 973-642-5444.

1) Installation of a Central HVAC system for Administration Building.

2) Upgrade Electrical Services for 50 low-income family housing units.

3) Upgrade of security lighting on ten (10) Senior Citizen Apartments.

Information packages will be available and can be picked up by all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office, #1 Paradise Street, Somerset, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate.

Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any informalities in any proposal, to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all bids or to waive any informalities in any proposal, and to accept such proposals and make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

Kevin K. Clegg, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, Somerset, New Jersey

NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Linden will receive bids from certified Public Accountants or Licensed Public Accountants in the State of New Jersey who have HUB Accounting and GAAP Accounting experience and are certified by the State of New Jersey.

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 28, 2000 at Linden Housing Authority Office at 1605 Dill Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. If awarded a contract your company will be required to comply with the requirements of HUB Program Handbook, 7480 8 Rev. 1 and HUB Dodge F97-94.

No late or faxed responses will be accepted. Bids must be submitted in triplicate in a sealed envelope, properly marked with the name of the proposer and "TECH ACCOUNTANT BID" on the outside of the envelope.

Interested firm should pick-up proposal package at Housing Authority City of Linden at 1605 Dill Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 (908) 239-3820.

The Housing Authority City of Linden invites the participation of minority-owned business enterprises in this solicitation.

The Housing Authority City of Linden reserves the right to reject any or all the bids or to waive any informalities in any bid.

Mark Ann J. Feuguek,
PHM Executive Director
(908) 239-3820

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SOCIAL WORK

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY COORDINATOR

Public Agency seeks Coordinator to develop program to assist in the selection and training of public housing families to help them become self-sufficient. Provide coordination of services including schooling, job skills, daycare, transportation, financial counseling, housing placement, and other social services. Must have experience working with low income families. Must have a valid H.S. Diploma. Must have a valid N.J. Driver's License. Must have reliable car. Must possess a current valid drivers license.

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Alta Sandra Ortiz for an application (973) 365-3030.

NETTIE—Layout & graphic design of weekly & monthly newsletters. Must be very knowledgeable of layout design, proficient in Quark, Express, Photoshop & Illustrator. Must have scanner for text & photos, access to Internet, word processing, and spreadsheet programs. Good organizational skills & a solid work history. References req'd. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Send resume to: City News Publishing Co., 111 Mulberry St., Suite 12, Newark, NJ 07102 Fax (973) 642-5444

Newark, NJ To assist production in preparing & editing type, includes some layout & telephone work. Must have good organizational & computer skills, to meet deadlines & multi-task oriented. Experience in publishing industry a plus. References req'd. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Send resume to: City News Publishing Co., 111 Mulberry St., Suite 12, Newark, NJ 07102 Fax (973) 642-5444

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